



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5351

LCO No. 1422



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT ELIMINATING CERTAIN FEES FOR PRESCRIBED MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 21a-408d of the 2016 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

4 (a) Each qualifying patient who is issued a written certification for
5 the palliative use of marijuana under subdivision (1) of subsection (a)
6 of section 21a-408a, and the primary caregiver of such qualifying
7 patient, shall register with the Department of Consumer Protection.
8 Such registration shall be effective from the date the Department of
9 Consumer Protection issues a certificate of registration until the
10 expiration of the written certification issued by the physician. The
11 qualifying patient and the primary caregiver shall provide sufficient
12 identifying information, as determined by the department, to establish
13 the personal identity of the qualifying patient and the primary
14 caregiver. The qualifying patient or the primary caregiver shall report
15 any change in such information to the department not later than five

16 business days after such change. The department shall issue a
 17 registration certificate to the qualifying patient and to the primary
 18 caregiver and may charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed twenty-five
 19 dollars, for each registration certificate issued under this subsection,
 20 except that no such fee shall be charged to a veteran, as defined in
 21 subsection (a) of section 27-103. Any registration fees collected by the
 22 department under this subsection shall be paid to the State Treasurer
 23 and credited to the General Fund.

24 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 21a-408m of the 2016 supplement to
 25 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 26 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

27 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt
 28 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to establish a reasonable fee
 29 to be collected from each qualifying patient to whom a written
 30 certification for the palliative use of marijuana is issued under
 31 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-408a, for the purpose of
 32 offsetting the direct and indirect costs of administering the provisions
 33 of sections 21a-408 to 21a-408n, inclusive. The commissioner shall
 34 collect such fee at the time the qualifying patient registers with the
 35 Department of Consumer Protection under subsection (a) of section
 36 21a-408d, as amended by this act, except that no such fee shall be
 37 collected from a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103.
 38 Such fee shall be in addition to any registration fee that may be
 39 charged under [said subsection] subsection (a) of section 21a-408d, as
 40 amended by this act. The fees required to be collected by the
 41 commissioner from qualifying patients under this subsection shall be
 42 paid to the State Treasurer and credited to the General Fund.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	21a-408d(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	21a-408m(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to waive the registration and administration fees for veterans registered as qualifying patients for the palliative use of marijuana.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]